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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Bangalore City Municipal Council.

READ—

The Administration Report of the Bangalore City Municipal Council for the year 1928-29 received with the President's letter No. G. To. 38—29-30, dated, the 16th October 1929.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. G. To. 141—29-30, dated the 9th January 1930, from the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City, submitting additional information on certain points referred to in the report.

ORDER No. 5854-7—ML. 149-29-11, DATED 4TH FEBRUARY 1930.

Constitution.—The Council was composed of 30 Councillors of whom 20 were elected and the rest nominated by the Government. In the beginning of the year, Khan Bahadur Mahommed Abhas Khan resigned his Office as President and Government having considered it expedient that a salaried Officer of Government should be the President of the Municipal Council as a temporary measure, appointed the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District as President. Later on, the appointment of the Municipal Commissioner was abolished and Mr. C. Machia was appointed as President and he became an additional Councillor of the Municipal Council. The privilege of electing the President has since been restored to the Council. Two vacancies among Councillors occurred, one on account of the death of a member and the other on account of the resignation of a Councillor and both the places were filled up as the result of bye-elections held for the purpose.

2. *Meetings of the Council.*—The number of meetings held during the year was 43, of which 12 were ordinary, 17 adjourned and 14 special. The average attendance of members was 17·7 against 17·5 in the previous year.

3. *Committees.*—All the six Committees of the Municipal Council continued to work as in the previous year. The Managing Committee held 24 meetings. The constitution of the Improvement Committee was altered during the year, so as to provide for representation on the Committee of two members nominated by the Government annually. The Committee was invested with powers to sanction detailed estimates up to Rs. 5,000 on schemes approved by the Council and the Government. The old Committee met 11 times and the new Committee which came into existence in January 1929 held 12 meetings during the year.

4. *Finances.*—The income and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 13,03,367 and 12,49,985 against Rs. 15,13,719 and Rs. 14, 34,906, respectively, in the previous year. Under the service heads, the income and expenditure amounted to Rs. 9,05,524 and Rs. 10,59,351 respectively. Of the income, a sum of Rs. 5,80,396 was realised from Municipal rates and taxes Rs. 2,01,958 from Municipal properties and powers apart from taxation, Rs. 1,02,647 from contributions and the rest from other miscellaneous sources. Of the expenditure, a sum of Rs. 2,44,834 was spent on Public Works, Rs. 2,00,925 on water supply, Rs. 1,09,769, on administration and collection, Rs. 95,846 on conservancy and sanitation, Rs. 58,897 on lighting and the rest on other miscellaneous items.

It is observed that the expenditure under the following heads was much in excess of that incurred during the previous year:—

Items.	1927-28.	1928-29.
	Rs.	Rs.
Street Lighting	36,729	58,897
Public Works Repairs	99,419	1,20,087
Local Fund Dispensaries	..	12,074
Public Instruction	40,437	87,769
	1,76,585	2,78,827

The increase of expenditure under these and other heads necessitated a large portion of the fixed deposit being withdrawn and utilised for current expenditure during the year.

The excess under street lighting was due to the increase in the number of lights from 1,796 to 2,115 besides six cluster lights. The increase under repair works has been explained in paragraph 10 *infra* while that under dispensaries was due to the late receipt of the bill for the contribution for the year 1927-28 and payment in July 1928. The increase in the expenditure under Public Instruction is due to the introduction of the system of payment of the charges on account of primary education from the Municipal Fund in the first instance subject to the recovery of two-thirds of the cost from the Government.

5. *Assessment.*—The revision of assessment on buildings was continued with the help of a special establishment and the work was completed during the year. Government note that the revision is expected to result in the increase of the annual revenue by nearly Rs. 48,000.

6. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The arrears at the beginning of the year under assessed taxes amounted to Rs. 1,17,744. Of this, a sum of Rs. 64,606 was collected and arrears amounting to Rs.1,833 were remitted, leaving Rs. 51,305 uncollected at the end of the year. The current demand under assessed taxes amounted to Rs. 2,71,004. Of this, a sum of Rs. 1,125 was remitted and a sum of Rs. 2,38,473 was collected leaving only Rs. 31,406 or 12 per cent uncollected at the end of the year. The outstanding under other items amounted to Rs. 32,029. The collection work shows some improvement.

7. *Incidence of Taxation.*—The total income derived from taxation was Rs. 5,80,396 against Rs. 5,14,297 in the previous year. The increase was mainly under taxes imposed on immovable properties. Though the new demand under these

taxes was practically stationary, there was considerable improvement in the collection of both the arrears and the current demand and this accounts for the larger income from this source. The incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 4-13-9 against Rs. 4-4-10 in the previous year. Of this, Rs. 2-8-9 were derived from taxes on immovable properties, Rs. 2-1-6 from indirect taxes, namely, tolls and octroi and the remainder, namely, Re. 0-3-6 from other taxes.

8. *Taxes on vehicles, animals and Public Conveyances.*—The total income under these heads amounted to Rs. 32,439 and this was made up as follows:—

	Rs.
Public conveyances	6,110
Motor cars and motor cycles	10,830
Bicycles	14,499
Other conveyances	598
Dogs	125
Horses and bullocks	277
Total Rs.	32,439

9. *City Improvement Works.*—A grant of Rs. 30,000 was received from the Government for City Improvement Works and an expenditure of Rs. 86,430 was incurred for this purpose against Rs. 1,63,537 in the previous year and the budget allotment of Rs. 1,58,924 for the year of report. A considerable portion of the allotment for the year was allowed to lapse mainly in consequence of the abandonment of the construction of the Municipal Office and Grain Bazaar and of the proposed acquisition of certain properties for the Market Circus.

10. *Public Works.*—A sum of Rs. 2,44,834 was spent on Public Works of which Rs. 54,448 were on original works and Rs. 1,20,087 on repairs. Two hundred and ten furlongs of roads were newly recoated during the year at a cost of Rs. 23,751 against 6,519 feet in the previous year costing Rs. 10,222. Important roads were tarred with bituminous materials and a portion of the Taluk Cutcherry Road was tarred with Trinidad Asphalt. Improvements were also effected to three roads by providing foot-paths and kerbing.

11. *Water Supply.*—For the maintenance of water supply, a sum of Rs. 1,57,257 was spent during the year. The water supply of 30 localities was also improved at a cost of Rs. 45,850. The supply of filtered water from Hessarghatta not being satisfactory, the supply of unfiltered water was continued to some parts of the City from wells fitted up with electric motors and pumps.

12. *Public Health and Sanitation.*—The incidence of epidemic diseases was slightly heavier than in the previous year. But public health was otherwise generally satisfactory. The Sanitary staff visited 9,899 premises and 7,940 notices were issued for remedying defects.

13. *Vaccination.*—The number of vaccinations performed was 8,470. One thousand seven hundred and forty-four notices were issued under the vaccination rules for getting children vaccinated. Of these, 1,706 were complied with.

14. *Maternity and Child Welfare.*—The services of the Lady Health Visitor were continued during the year. The nine midwives employed by the Municipal Council worked under the supervision of the Lady Health Visitor and attended to 1,232 labour cases against 1,411 cases in the previous year. The number of births recorded in the City was 4,575 and or nearly four times the number of labour cases attended to by the midwives. The number of deaths under one year of age was 775 or 169·4 per 1,000 births registered.

15. *Public Instruction.*—Primary Education continued to be under the direct management of the Education Committee of the Municipal Council. The Committee secured better and more convenient accommodation for schools. Fifty-one Municipal schools and 36 aided or 87 schools in all were maintained with a total strength of 9,299 pupils and an average attendance of 7,164. A Superintendent was maintained to frequently visit the schools.

16. *Audit of Accounts.*—It was brought to notice that a portion of the amounts recovered from Government Departments and private persons for providing special conservancy arrangements was not credited to the Municipal Fund. The accounts of

the Health Department were therefore audited by a Special Auditor and the audit has disclosed that in all a sum of Rs. 2,520 has been misappropriated. The explanation of the officers responsible for the loss has been called for.

Government are glad to note that the Municipal councillors evinced great interest in their work and the administration of the Municipal affairs of the City was satisfactory.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

LAW SECRETARIAT.

Itineration.

READ—

Extract from the notes of the Dewan's tour in the Mysore District in 1928 regarding the establishment of a Circuit Court at Krishnarajpete.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. R. O. C. 772—28-29, dated 13th January 1930, from the Registrar, Chief Court, recommending the abolition of the Bench Court at Krishnarajpete and the itineration of the Special First Class Magistrate, French Rocks to Krishnarajpete once or twice a month according to requirements, for the trial of all classes of cases of the Krishnarajpete Taluk for a period not exceeding ten days altogether in a month.

ORDER No. P. 4006-8—CTS. 150-29-2, DATED 1ST FEBRUARY 1930.

The recommendation of the Chief Court is sanctioned with effect from 15th February 1930. The District Magistrate, Mysore, is requested to transfer to the Special Magistrate, French Rocks, all cases pending with the Bench Court, Krishnarajpete.

The Special Magistrate, French Rocks, is permitted to take a clerk and a peon to Krishnarajpete whenever he proceeds to that place on this duty.

The cost on account of travelling allowance involved in the itineration will be met out of the provision for Travelling Allowance under "18 Courts of Law-4 Criminal Courts" in the Budget.

P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Killing of Tigers in Municipal Areas.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 4086-95—Ft. 329-28-19, dated the 25th September 1929, directing the revival of the system of offering rewards for the killing of tigers in certain cases.

2. Letter No. C. 684—29-30, dated the 7th November 1929, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending the grant of a reward as a special case, to Revenue Peon Oba Naika of Chitaldrug Taluk, for having killed a stray tiger in a garden situated close to Chitaldrug Town, although